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SUBJECT: PRESS QUERIES ON VIETNAM TALKS IN PARIS

1. BUREAU CHIEFS OF SEVERAL US NEWS ORGANIZATIONS

(AP, CBS, WASHINGTON POST, NEWSWEEK, CSM, ETC.)

PHONED EMBASSY DURING THE MORNING TO ASK IF WE HAD

ANYTHING ON THE VIETNAM TALKS MENTIONED BY THE

PRESIDENT. WE RESPONDED THAT WE HAD NOTHING TO ADD TO

WHAT THE PRESIDENT SAID, AND WASHINGTON WOULD BE THE

SOURCE OF ANY CLARIFICATION.

2. THE JOURNALISTS REACTED RATHER STRONGLY TO THAT,

SAYING THEY HOPED WHEN THINGS GOT STARTED IN PARIS

THEY WOULD BE KEPT INFORMED IN A REASONABLE WAY OF WHAT

WAS HAPPENING, RATHER THAN, AS NEWSWEEK'S LIZ PEER

PUT IT, "HAVING TO CAMP ON THE SIDEWALK IN FRONT OF

THE CHARGE'S HOUSE." AP MAN SAID THE WORST THING FOR

THEM IS TO REFER PARIS STORY TO THEIR STATESIDE

BUREAUS AND URGED THAT WE SET UP SOMETHING TO ENABLE

THEM TO FILE "REASONABLE COPY INSTEAD OF FLIMSY

SPECULATION." AT THE VERY LEAST THEY WOULD APPRE-

CIATE A GENERAL INDICATION ABOUT TIMING TO BE ABLE TO

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